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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office communication mailed on December 14, 2006 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants submit herewith an appropriate extension of time for responding. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment and Response, and Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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